

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (New): A method for protecting metal-containing structures, applied to a substrate against corrosive attacks, the method comprising:

applying at least temporarily to the structure an electric passivation voltage in a range of passivation of a relevant conductive material.

Claim 9 (New): A method according to Claim 8, wherein the electric passivation voltage is used simultaneously as a measuring voltage for a sensor.

Claim 10 (New): A method according to claim 9, wherein the sensor is a capacitively operating moisture sensor.

Claim 11 (New): A method according to claim 8, wherein a sinusoidally oscillating AC voltage is used as the passivation voltage.

Claim 12 (New): A method according to Claim 11, wherein an amplitude of the passivation voltage is between 0.75 V and 1.75 V.

Claim 13 (New): A method according to claim 12, wherein the amplitude of the passivation voltage is 1.1 V.

Claim 14 (New): A method according to Claim 11, wherein a frequency of the passivation voltage is above 2000 Hz.

Claim 15 (New): A method according to claim 14, wherein the frequency of the passivation voltage is between 2000 and 4000 Hz.

Claim 16 (New): Application of the method according to claim 8, to at least one of metal-containing structures, moisture sensors, breakage sensors, antennas, and heating conductors.

Claim 17 (New): Application according to Claim 16, wherein the structures are deposited on glass or plastic panes.